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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): James W. Forbes

For (title): CENTER BEAM CAR WITH DEEP UPPER BEAM STRUCTURE

1. Type of Application

This application is for a continuation.

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Applications (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e), 120, or 121)

The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. applications. Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS CLAIMED.

3. Papers Enclosed

- A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application

21 Page(s) of Specification

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B. Other Papers Enclosed

1 Page(s) of abstract

4. Declaration or Oath

Not Enclosed.

5. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

6. Language

English

7. Assignment

An assignment of the invention to National Steel Car Limited will follow.

8. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED									
Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$770.00									
Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate					
Total									
Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(c))		1	–	20	=	0	x	\$ 18.00	= \$ 0.00
Independent									
Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(b))		1	–	3	=	0	x	\$ 86.00	= \$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R § 1.16(d))							\$	290.00	\$ 0.00

Filing Fee Calculation

\$770.00

9. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Not Enclosed

No filing fee is to be paid at this time.

**ADDED PAGES FOR APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S.
APPLICATIONS CLAIMED
(37 C.F.R. § 1.78)**

10. Relate Back

This application is a continuation of copending Application number 09/632,707 filed on August 4, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of Application number 09/457,615 filed on December 8, 1999.

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